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Attention Mrs Hewlett
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August 13, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: Message of Condolence on the Death of Dan A. Mitrione to President Nixon from Nicaraguan President Somoza

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The Department recommends that, in response to President Somoza's telegram of August 11 expressing condolences on the death of Dan A. Mitrione, President Nixon send a message of acknowledgment. A suggested telegram is enclosed, and the original correspondence is returned for your files. It is recommended that this message, if approved, be released only on the initiative of the Government of Nicaragua. The Department will have our Embassy in Managua deliver the message.

Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested telegram
2. Telegram from Nicaraguan President Somoza dated August 11, 1970

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SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Dear Mr. President:

Your expression of deep sorrow over the tragic murder of Mr. Dan A. Mitrione is much appreciated. Let us trust that his sacrifice in the cause of peaceful progress in an orderly world will be long remembered by free men everywhere.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

His Excellency

General Anastasio Somoza Debayle,

President of the Republic of Nicaragua,

Managua.

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MR. RICHARD M. NIXON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA AND IN MY OWN NAME, I ASK YOU TO ACCEPT THIS EXPRESSION OF OUR DEEP SORROW OVER THE INDESCRIBABLE ACT COMMITTED AGAINST MITRIONE.

SINCERELY,

A. SOMOZA

[PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA]

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MR RICHARD M NIXON

PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS

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SUBJECT: Mitrione Murder - Message of Condolence from President Somoza

1. Please deliver following message to President Somoza in response to telegram to President Nixon dated August 12:

QUOTE Your expression of deep sorrow over the tragic murder of Mr. Dan A. Mitrione is much appreciated. Let us trust that his sacrifice in the cause of peaceful progress in an orderly world will be long remembered by free men everywhere. Sincerely, Richard Nixon UNQUOTE

2. FYI is text of President Somoza's telegram:

QUOTE In the name of the people of Nicaragua and in my name, I ask you to accept this expression of our deep sorrow over the indescribable act committed against Mitrione. Sincerely, A. Somoza, President of Nicaragua

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3. White House does not plan release messages but has no objection should GON wish to do so.

4. Decontrol upon receipt.

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